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Next Year The Fair Will be Even Bigger and Better,

THE CAR

It is Making Friends for the Valley Wherever It Goes.

HAPPY ON THE WAY.

Press Comments at the Different Stops Along the Journey.

Galesburg (Ill.) Republican-Register. The Pecos Valley Exhibit car arrived this morning over the Santa Fe, and is now stationed on the siding between Cherry and Broad sts. No admission fee is charged and a large number of people attended the exhibition there today. This same Pecos valley had a car here for several days last year, and many people will undoubtedly remember the splendid exhibit from this district.

The car is beautifully decorated with long stalks of Indian corn, some of them 16 feet and 4 inches in length. Also alfalfa and Kaffir corn. Indian corn can be raised with success here, but very little of this is cultivated as Kaffir corn does not require as much work and produces a better crop. Alfalfa is raised in preference to timothy. Timothy and clover produce but one crop a year, while alfalfa produces five crops and gives pasture all winter.

In the fruits there are fifty-three varieties of apples, thirteen varieties of pears, and seven varieties of peaches. Some watermelons here average 86 pounds in weight. Huge pumpkins and all sorts of vegetables are also on exhibition.

Two crops of potatoes can be raised in this country.

The car leaves tomorrow at 10 o'clock for Pekin, Ill. It will then proceed to the State fair at Springfield, after which it will go to the St. Louis fair.

Topeka Herald.

The Pecos Valley free exhibit car arrived this morning and will be run out to the fair grounds this afternoon so that the visitors to the fair will be able to see the products of the most fertile valley on the globe.

The Pecos Valley, about one hundred miles long with an average width of thirty miles, is situated in New Mexico about sixty miles east of the Rocky mountains and is reached by the Santa Fe road. Until a few years ago the country has been practically a desert, but within the last few years it has been irrigated and now contains plenty of water.

In the town of Roswell, from which this car has been sent, there are three hundred artesian wells which, when turned on, discharge from 800 1,300 gallons of water per minute. These wells are kept closed except when needed. While the valley is watered by the Pecos river which is fed by natural springs, yet if this supply of water from the springs was to be cut off the whole country could easily be watered by the artesian wells.

Large orchards are scattered over the valley, some of these containing as much as six hundred acres of land each. In the car are to be seen 53 varieties of apples, 13 varieties of pears and 6 varieties of peaches, besides all of the other products raised there.

The car is in charge of Ava E. Page and James Reece and will remain at the fair grounds till tomorrow evening when it will be taken on to Springfield, Ill., where it will be exhibited at the state fair. It was at the Hutchinson fair yesterday and the day before.

Topeka Capital.

Yesterday the Pecos Valley free exhibit car was thrown on the spur of track at the fair grounds and the doors of the car opened for the public to inspect some of the biggest and best flavored products of the soil that have ever been put on exhibit.

tion. It arrived on the grounds at about 3 o'clock and was visited by thousands of people between that time and 6 o'clock.

Mr. Ava E. Page is in charge of the car. His home is at Roswell, N. M. The car is a veritable county fair all of itself. Yet the display of products is taken almost entirely from three farms or ranches lying close to Roswell. The varieties of fruit are as great as are grown in any place within a like radius from a given center. Of apples there are 53 varieties; of peaches there are 6 varieties; of pears there are 13 varieties. All of the fruit is of enormous size. A bushel of pears, numbering 56, weighed 52 pounds.

The vine products are just as marvelous. Watermelons weighing 86 pounds are exhibited. Cucumbers, canteloupes, squashes, etc., of enormous size are there.

It is a common saying that such large fruit as is exhibited in the Pecos Valley car does not have the taste and flavor of some of the smaller fruits. Such is not the case in this exhibit. Mr. Page says that something in the soil of the country about Roswell gives a flavor to the fruit that can not be beaten. Those who tasted any of the fruit will bear out the statement that the flavor cannot be excelled.

In giving the history of this comparatively new agricultural country Mr. Page says that one reason for the product being large lies in the fact that the orchards are all young, none being more than fifteen years old, and most of them not being over

27 3-5 SECONDS

Ace Draper Wins the Roping Contest in This Time This Afternoon.

CARROLL SECOND.

Another Big Crowd Present Today to see the Sport, and Good Record Made.

To-Day's Contest.

Another big crowd was at the fair grounds this afternoon to see today's roping contest. The records made were much better than those of yesterday and the day's sport was much more satisfactory. Ace Draper today won the first money in 27 3-5 seconds, roping and tying his steer in that time. J. E. Carroll came second in 30 1-5 seconds, and Clay McGonigal was third in 32 seconds.

Broke Her Leg.

This afternoon at 2:30 Lady Constantine broke her left fore leg in a

but he missed and made a complete failure, no time.

Gordon Smith roped and tied a very heavy steer and threw up his hands in 1:41 3-4

Less Harmon lost his rope, but secured it and made a pretty throw and got his steer and had his hands up in 2:11.

Ed Pride broke his rope and made no time.

Johnnie Wilson made a fine exhibition and made it in 51 1-4.

Ace Draper missed his steer on the first throw, but caught the second time, making it in 52.

Ellison Carroll was the tenth roper and all thought he would certainly lower the time made, but he had bad luck and it required 1:14 for him to rope and tie the steer and get his hands up.

Russell Lovelace missed four times but finally caught the steer in 1:06. Cliff Patton missed entirely and the steer got away and saved himself from being thrown to the ground.

Tod Browning missed the first time and his horse fell, but he roped and tied the steer and had his hands up in 55. He made the tie quick as lightning, in fact by far the quickest tie that was made, and if it had not been for missing the first throw and his horse falling with him he would have probably been the winner—but it seemed there was bad luck in store for all of the ropers.

Earl Carroll came next, and his work was very fine. He caught and tied his steer and had his hands up in 40 3-4.

Joe Gardner roped his steer in 55 1-2. He made a very quick tie, but was slow in the roping.

Dan Sie made a pretty catch and dismounted to tie the animal and Mr. big steer did not appreciate the harsh treatment, and arose before Sie could get to him and started after the roper and Sie had the fun of taking to his heels. However, he threw the steer the second time and tied him, the entire drama requiring just 2:42 1-2.

Will Garrett had bad luck and failed to catch his steer.

Figor Moore came next and broke one horn off the steer as he threw him. He caught the steer the first trial and his time was 50 1-2.

Jim Brown missed the first time but got his steer in 1:32.

Rooster Gardner came last and wound up the roping, making it in 1:11.

Earl Carroll was declared the winner, time 40 3-4.

Abe Wilson, the first roper, came second, time 48 1-2. Figor Moore came third, his time being 50 1-2. The purse was \$500.

Old timers were disgusted with the contest on account of the slow time made. However, the hundreds of visitors who never witnessed a roping contest before thought the time was very swift. The steers were very wiry and it seemed impossible to keep them on the ground the first throw, and, as a cowboy remarked, "There ain't a good ropin' horse in the bunch." On account of the bad luck of the champions it was decided to have a roping contest today. Betting was freely indulged in and a large amount of money changed hands. Hundreds of dollars were lost on McGonigall.

The Pauly building is now completed. This is a neat and commodious building of four rooms. School will open there Monday morning with full sessions. We have selected four of our best teachers for this building and with Principal J. B. Haston in charge we expect most excellent results from the Pauly school this year.

J. F. STILWELL, Superintendent.

There was a big dance given last night at the Club rooms for the benefit of the fair visitors. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour and a most delightful evening was spent by all present.

A fine 12 1-2 pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shearman at 6 o'clock this morning on Military Heights.

Captain Haynes had the man that is employed at the pump to count the vehicles that came in from the fair grounds yesterday, and there were 1,152.

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